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SUBJ: OCEAN THERMAL CONVERSION FOR ABIDJAN

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1. DAVID MAGER, PRESIDENT PACIFIC POWER AND PROTEIN, ACCOMPANIED BY EUGENE WIMMER, FORMER SWISS CONSUL IN ABIDJAN AND A PIONEER IN STUDYING OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY, CALLED ON EMBASSY MARCH 29 AND 30 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED OCEAN THERMAL CONVERSION (OCTEC) PLANT. EMBASSY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING PROJECT SINCE EARLY 1976, WHEN, AT THE INSTIGATION OF MR. WIMMER, A TEAM OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF PACIFIC POWER AND PROTEIN CAME TO ABIDJAN TO DISCUSS THE EXPLOITATION OF OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY WITH THE IVORY COAST. ABIDJAN A-109 OF AUGUST 19, 1976, 76 STATE 223571 AND 76 ABIDJAN 8421 REPORT THIS VISIT.

2. MAGER AND WIMMER REQUESTED GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO PROCEED WITH IVORIAN OFFICIALS, WHO, WHILE CONTINUALLY INDICATING INTEREST IN PROJECT, SEEM RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES. EMBASSY ADVISED MAGER TO FORMULATE PROPOSITION TO BUILD OCTEC PLANT AND TO NEGOTIATE FOR EQUITY RIGHTS TO A MARICULTURE PROJECT IN THE EBRIE
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LAGOON THAT WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE COLD WATER FROM THE OCTEC. MAGER STATES THAT COLDWATER FLOWING INTO PRESENTLY POLLUTED EBRIE LAGOON WOULD REDUCE POLLUTION ALLOWING CULTIVATION OF SHRIMP FISHING AND FREEZING PLANT WHICH WOULD EMPLOY APPROXIMATELY ,100 IVORIANS. AFTER BEING QUICK FROZEN THE SHRIMP WOULD BE EXPORTED PRIMARILY TO THE U.S.

3. COST OF OCDEC WILL BE ABOUT \$1,200 PER KW; PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR A PLANT OF 25 MEGAWATTS; THEREFORE TOTAL COST WILL BE ABOUT \$30 MILLION. IF GOIC CONCURS IN PROPOSITION, PACIFIC POWER WOULD DRAW UP DETAILED PLANS.

4. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED TO MAGER THAT HE MEET WITH PORT AND FISHERIES OFFICIALS AS WELL AS LOCAL LAW FIRMS. STATUS REPORTS WILL FOLLOW ON HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOIC OFFICIALS. STEARNS

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